



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION

**June 21st, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall Boards &
Commissions Room
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX
Regular Commission Meeting
MEETING MINUTES**

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment and attendance will be allowed in person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (June 20th by Noon). All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak or attend remotely, residents must: telephone call, or email the Equity Office's Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, at (512) 978-1797 or jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov, no later than 12pm-noon on Monday, June 20th, 2022. The information required is the speaker's name, the item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address, and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

BOARD MEMBERS:

District	Commissioner	District	Commissioner
1	Kirk Yoshida (Chair)	9	Salimah Shamsuddin
2	Azra Siddiqi	10	Meena Mutyala
3	Kuo Yang	Mayor	Hanna Huang
4	VACANT	At-Large	Pramod Patil
5	Vincent Cobalis	At-Large	Pooja Sethi
6	Fang Fang	At-Large	Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
7	VACANT	At-Large	Sarah Chen (Vice-Chair)
8	VACANT		

CALL TO ORDER:

Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:23pm

ROLL CALL:

Present:

1. Kirk Yoshida
2. Azra Siddiqi
3. Kuo Yang
4. Vincent Cobalis

5. Fang Fang
6. Hanna Huang
7. Pramod Patil
8. Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
9. Sarah Chen

Absent:

10. Salimah Shamsuddin
11. Meena Mutyala
12. Pooja Sethi

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- Laura Esparza - Introducing Tony Vo, Culture & Arts Manager at the Asian American Center - Been in Austin for 20 years, mostly at UT, and now employed with the City!

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of minutes from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) meetings on:

- a. April 19, 2022 – Tabled to Next Month
- b. No meeting minutes for May 2022, due to meeting cancellation/lack of quorum.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Workgroup/Project Reports
 1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup
 2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup
 3. Arts & Culture Workgroup
 4. Human Resources Workgroup
 5. Business Planning Workgroup
 6. Public Safety / Policing Project
- b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee meeting (Commissioner Cobalis)
- c. Follow-up Items:
 1. Update on AARC Master Plan (Commissioner Cobalis)
 2. Update on the FY 2023 Budget Recommendation Process – Final JIC Recommendations (Commissioner Yoshida)
 3. Update on Commissioner Vacancies & Work Group Members (Commissioner Yoshida)

3. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Staff Presentation on the Austin Police Department's (APD) Safe Place Initiative: w/ APD's Office of Community Liaison w/ Christian Mendoza
- b. Staff Presentation on City of Austin's First Comprehensive Food Plan: w/ the Office of Sustainability's Sergio Torres-Peralta, Food & Resilience Coordinator (also w/ Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager & Emmie DiCicco, Food Policy Intern)
- c. Staff Presentation from Economic Development Department (EDD): HOT Funded Programs Update w/ Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager; Erica Shamaly, Music and Entertainment Division Manager; Melissa Alvarado, Heritage Tourism Division Manager.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion & Possible Action to Endorse the JIC's Final Report on Budget Recommendations for FY 2022-2023
Motion by Vincent Cobalis to endorse, 2nd by Sarah Chen. No Discussion, None Opposed, All in Favor, Motion Passes.
- b. Discussion about 4th Street LGBTQ Historic Preservation & Possible Action on endorsing community letter in support of LGBTQ Businesses on 4th Street (post to website)
Tabled to July. More information is needed. Fang Fang will get information from the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce. Follow up in the Business Workgroup.
- c. July Annual Report
- d. Communication w/ Staff Liaison

5. INFORMATION SHARING

- a. Open Mic for Commissioners to share information with each other, especially regarding future agenda and pending deadlines on action items.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. AAQoL Annual Report – **July 2022**
- b. PARD Fiscal Year Budget Presentation w/ Ed Morris, & Vanorda Richardson – **July 2022**
- c. Project Connect Anti-Displacement Presentation w/ Julie Smith: City of Austin Housing & Planning Community Engagement Specialist (Also Rachel Tepper & Ursula Henderson) - **July 2022**
- d. Public Communication from Carlos A Soto, a Research Analyst at the [Community Advancement Network](#) (CAN) - **July 2022**
- e. Disparity Report Outcomes Presentation (SMBR) by Public Information Specialist Senior Eddie Bynog & Executive Director Edward Campos and/or Assistant Executive Director Tamela Saldana – **August 2022**
- f. CapMetro Presentation on Fare Capping & Equifare Transit Equity Programs w/ Grace Nguyen and Edna Parra - **Tentatively Scheduled for August or September 2022**

- g. Staff Presentation from the ATX Walk Bike Roll project team (ATXWBR) on the joint effort between the Public Works Department (PWD) and Austin Transportation Department (ATD) to update Austin's sidewalk, urban trails, bicycle plans; and guide the direction of City Council's Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) by Craig McColloch & Katie Wettick - **September 2022**
- h. Human Resources Department Staff Report Update **(TBD)**
- i. Northwest Austin Universal Health Clinic (Dr. Sanjna Malpani) **(TBD)**
- j. Language Access Program Update from CPIO **(TBD)**
- k. Austin Public Health Department on Budget **(TBD)**
- l. Activation of the Joint Cultural Committee **(TBD)**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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For more information on the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission, please contact the Equity Office Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, by phone at (512) 978-1797, or (preferably) via email at jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov.

The minutes were approved at the 08/16/2022 regular meeting on COMMISSIONER Sarah Chen's motion, and COMMISSIONER Fang Fang second on a unanimous vote.